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## My Prayer.

Being perplexed I say,  
"Lord make it right.  
Night is as day to thee,  
Darkness is light.  
I am afraid to touch  
Things that involve so much.  
My trembling hand may shake,  
My skillful hand may break;  
Thine can make no mistake."  
Being in doubt I say,  
"Lord, make it plain!  
Which is the true, safe way?  
Which would be vain?  
I am not wise to know,  
Nor sure of foot to go;  
My blind eyes cannot see  
What is so clear to Thee.  
Lord, make it clear to me."

Selected.

## MASONTOWN, PA.

DEAR EDITOR: This is the first time I have had the pleasure of writing for your paper, but hope it will not be the last. Bro. A. J. Sterling and myself left home Dec. 21st, for the purpose of holding a series of meetings in Armstrong Co. We landed in Indiana, Dec. 23rd, and were met by Bro. White. After dinner we traveled seventeen miles in a spring wagon through rain and mud, to our destination where we arrived shortly after dark.

Our meetings were well attended and interesting, notwithstanding the bad weather. Six stood up for Christ and more, I think, will follow soon. Bro. Sterling is an able speaker and all who attended the meetings were well pleased. We were very kindly treated and will long remember our friends there. We had intended to go to Blanco with Bro. Wampler to hold two or three meetings before starting home, but the big snow storm struck us Friday night and we left for home Tuesday morning. We went back to Indiana about twenty miles, the way we had to go, through almost unsurmountable snow drifts. For about five miles of the way ours was the first sled over the road and we were compelled to throw down fences and go through fields and woods and even then we had to get out sometimes and tread paths through the drifts for our horses; and with the mercury below zero, it was not at all pleasant. We reached Indiana about four P. M. where we took the train, reaching home Thursday at noon, after almost innumerable difficulties. All are well and our church is prospering.

GEO. W. DEBOLT.

## ZANESVILLE, INDIANA.

Jan. 17th.—No doubt there are many of the readers of the EVANGELIST who would like to hear from this part of the Brethren Church. Nothing we may have so very encouraging to report, yet we are glad that it is as well as it is; and, indeed, we are made to wonder at times that the Brethren cause has not entirely succumbed, owing to difficulties of the past.

The Brethren Church at this place though not large in numbers, we believe they are honest men and women trying to serve God in their weakness. We numbered 18 when the separation took place, and thank God,

all still live, both spiritually and naturally. To this number, have been added during the past Summer, two young sisters by baptism and one brother by letter. Thus we move slowly, but we trust, surely. None to be ashamed of but proud of all, may the God of all grace help us and all his dear children to stem the storm of life with steady helm and free bent sail on and land our souls within the veil.

WM. M. HAMILTON.

## LA PAZ, IND.

Jan. 27.—On Saturday evening, Jan. 23rd, I met with the brethren and friends at the Buffalo school house for dill regular appointments. We tried to preach the word on the same evening also on the next day, Sunday and Sunday evening, to a full and attentive house. At the close I extended an invitation. Two came forward and were received as candidates for baptism, for which the Lord be praised, and may they trust in him whom they have promised to serve. And may God, our Father, keep them faithful to the end, and may they become bright and shining lights before the world. So the good work goes on.

Yours in hope,  
Z. C. ABBOTT.

## AKRON, IND.

Jan. 26.—I love to hear of the success of the brethren in other parts of our vineyard of the Lord, so I thought I would give you a short sketch of our meeting held at the Prill school house five miles east of Rochester, Ind. The undersigned commenced a meeting at the above named place on the evening of the twenty-sixth of December, and continued every evening until the evening of the sixteenth of January. Closed with a communion and an addition of eighteen members. All were baptized but one, who will be soon; and all were heads of families but one.

It was a time of rejoicing indeed to see them come back to their Father's house again. Five of them once belonged to the Baptist and two to the Campbellites.

We had good congregations and the very best of order. As a second good result of the meeting many were set to studying hard to know what to do.

NOAH HEETER.

## LEXINGTON, OHIO.

We are small in number, and poor financially, but I thank God we feel rich spiritually.

Bro. Mallott preached nine sermons for us, and nine precious souls gave us their hand, and said they were tired of sin.

On account of having an appointment at Winchester, he then had to leave us, and the word passed from brother to brother, and sister to sister, must these glorious meetings close? Even the outside world was made to cry out no, no, so Bro. Early and I went to Bro.

Martin and induced him to come and preach. He preached five sermons, and three more made the good confession; then our series of meetings closed.

At our regular appointment Bro. Martin and Bro. Mallott were with us and extended an invitation, as usual, and one more showed to the world that she wants to be a child of God. So in all, our number increased 13. We ask the prayers of the Brethren and Sisters, that we may ever hold out faithful, and when death shall take us away one by one, we may all meet in heaven.

E. BAKER.

West Alexandria, Ohio.

## AKRON, IND.

January 26.—I am in the midst of a grand revival at present, and souls are being born into the kingdom of God. Pray for us, Brethren, that the Spirit of the Lord may rest upon us all, that many more may come to the fountain and drink of the river that makes glad the city of God.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

## MEYERHOEFFER'S STORE, VA.

We are still moving along at a slow rate in this part of the brotherhood, with but little increase in the membership, owing to our inability to get a preacher this winter to hold a meeting. We have Brother Joseph Boman as our preacher, and elder, but owing to the labor he has to do, we can't expect him to be with us much at our place of preaching. We will still try and move along in the Spirit of our Lord and Master until we can get a man of God among us to stand on the wall of Zion and proclaim the word of God to a dying world; and if we are to do without an evangelist for some time yet, we will depend on being fed by ravens as was Elijah, when he was hid by the brook Cherith. May we not be obliged to go to the house of the widow of Zarephath, before we are blessed with a Brother that can stand on Zion's wall, and the Lord through him cause sinners to come to the Lord, and make the Brethren to rejoice in the God of their Salvation.

A. TROBAUGH.

## WEST INDEPENDENCE, O.

At the request of the Brethren of West Independence, Hancock Co., Ohio, brother A. M. Ridenour, of Virginia, came to our assistance to help conduct a series of meetings, and also with a view to locating with the Brethren at West Independence. Our meetings continued to increase in interest until sinners were induced to seek salvation, and take passage on the good old ship Zion. Bro. Ridenour "failed not to preach the word," and the band of faithful members ceased not to pray and work, and the result was a glorious meeting. Eight came out during these meetings, with, I believe more to follow. The

church here was much revived, and even its enemies said, you did better than ever we expected you could do.

Bro. Isaac Leedy, of Knox county, was present during the meetings and rendered valuable assistance by his sermons and prayers.

Our meetings commenced on the 9th of January and continued until January 27th when brother Ridenour and brother Leedy started for Bellfontaine, Logan county, to hold some meetings, and your correspondent who has been trying to preach for the Brethren at West Independence for one year, bid them all adieu and started homeward on Saturday morning, Jan. 30th, where I arrived the same evening and found all well at home, having been absent over two weeks.

During our meetings we held a business meeting, at which, the brethren decided to secure the services of Bro. Ridenour as their pastor for the coming year. We feel highly elated over the success of our Brethren, and believe they have secured the services of a preacher that will do them good, and who is worthy of their respect. I can assure Bro. Ridenour that he is moving amongst a people who are in every way worthy to be respected. I have preached for them two years, in my own imperfect way, and have received in every way, all and perhaps more than I deserved.

Dear brethren and sisters, you have our warmest affections. My wife joins in thanking the dear sisters for the present you sent her, and while my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, nor in demonstration and power of the spirit, yet I have this one thing to rejoice over, that, I have left with the best of feelings towards you all.

Bro. Ridenour will move to West Independence in the near future and take charge of the church there. Hope he may have peace and plenty all along the pathway of life.

ISAAC KILHEFNER.

Ashland, O.

## TIOSA, IND.

Jan. 29th. I returned from South Bend to Tiosa on the 23rd inst. Filled my appointment on Sunday the 24th, and continued the meeting to this date. During this last meeting there have been seven more conversions, which, added to the 16 of the first meeting, makes 23 in five weeks' meetings; and there are many others almost persuaded, who we think will soon follow. Twenty-one of those converts are married people, two single. Made a break on nine new families. Pray for us. Fraternally,  
J. W. FITZGERALD.

## Field Echoes.

The printer made me say in my last, that "the brethren at Milford raised \$100." when it should have read \$1,000.

I could not stay long enough to finish up at Lexington. There could have been a far greater

work done by remaining. Bro. J. P. Martin has since preached a few sermons and more have come out for baptism. I had the pleasure of visiting the N. M. H. for disable soldiers, Jan. 9th. Was taken over in Bro. D. R. Wampler's two horse carriage, sister Lizzie, his wife and brother Mason, of the "Home Pulpit," Bro. David and myself filling it nicely.

It was a grand treat to me as I never saw it before. This Home was established March 2nd, 1865, by special act of Congress, and located 3 miles west of Dayton, O. It is now the largest, most beautiful and interesting institution of the kind in the world. Its population is about 4,500. In extent it covers 700 acres. Two R. R. lines connect it with the city of Dayton, running trains every hour. It is laid off in avenues named after states: It has Stores, Hotel, Printing offices, Telephone Ex., Post Office, Church, Opera House, Amusement Halls, and everything to give it the appearance of a miniature City, save women, and it is fast becoming one of the most celebrated pleasure resorts in the U. S. Bro. Wampler acted as guide being well acquainted. He took us into the "Conservatory," an extensive structure, containing 200,000 rare and valuable plants, orange and lemon trees blooming and bearing. Here is a rare opportunity to read the perfection and beauty of God in nature. If care and labor will preserve the beautiful plants from winter blasts in time, will not care and labor to beautify the soul preserve it for the blasts of evil in the time when the whirl-winds of destruction blow?

Next place visited was the Hospital. Here is a lesson of morality. I did not get the dimensions of this building but it is very large, yet every berth in the lower apartment had a cripple or an invalid, that presenting a saddening appearance. A few of them were making bead work which is indeed beautiful. Was not admitted upstairs owing to the contagious disease that is always among the more sickly patients kept there. The soldiers are growing old. Many are dying. Three were buried the day we were there.

Am at work in Winchester, O. This is one of Bro. Mason's missions and from present interest manifested and additions already received it will be a profitable one to the cause. We are using the M. E. Church, with over crowded congregations. Owing to this and the condition of health being against travel, I was put under the painful necessity of disappointing Bro. Walter Clark of Mich., in the dedication of their new church. But if no one else, Bro. Clark will be good enough and I will get around and redeem myself in holding a revival for them.

I am confident should the brethren of Mich. know the work that is going on here to the upbuilding of the church, their disappointment would be turned into rejoicing.

R. F. MALLOTT.